Submission of report by Constitution Review Commission

†4165. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Constitution Review Commission has submitted its report;

(b) if so, whether Government have considered the report, so far;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Commission has asked to seriously go into the issues of foreign nationality;

(d) if so, whether Government are considering the same; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Commission has recommended that the issue of eligibility of only natural born citizens of India or those whose parents or grandparents were citizens of India to hold high offices such as President, Vice-President, Prime Minister and Chief Justice of India be examined in depth through a political process after a national dialogue.

(b), (d) and (e) Action on the recommendations lies with the Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India, which are administratively concerned with the subject-matter of the recommendations.

Reorganisation of Constituencies

4166. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reorganise the boundaries of Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies pending delimitation of constituencies till 2005;

(b) if so, the details of pattern and time-schedule finalized to implement the same; and

(c) if not, the action taken to equate proportionate representation of population as well as to remove locational disadvantages?

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